

Application No. 09/844,920
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system of distributing electronic content comprising:

a network operations center generating a broadcast signal having digital electronic content;

a communication backbone coupled to said network operations center;

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a base station receiving said broadcast signal from said backbone ~~backbone, said base station receiving said broadcast signal~~ and forming a wireless local area network, said base station over-the-air rebroadcasting at least a portion of said broadcast signal as a rebroadcast signal using said wireless local area network; and

a user appliance positioned with said wireless local area network and receiving said rebroadcast signal.

2. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a television coupled to said base station, said television receiving at least a portion of said broadcast rebroadcast signal.

3. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base station forms said rebroadcast signal from said digital electronic content.

4. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said electronic content comprises digital audio signals.

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5. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said electronic content comprises video.

6. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said backbone comprises a high altitude device, cable or fiber optic cable.

7. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim [[1]] 6 wherein said high altitude device comprises a satellite.

8. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim [[1]] 6 wherein said high altitude device comprises a stratospheric platform.

A2 9. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base station comprises an integrated receiver decoder.

10. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said rebroadcast signal is a compressed signal.

11. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said backbone comprises a cable network.

12. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said backbone comprises a fiber optic network.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing electronic content comprising the steps of:

coupling electronic content to a redistribution device;

receiving the electronic content from the redistribution device;

over-the-air broadcasting at least a portion of the electronic content from the redistribution device; and

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receiving the over-the-air broadcast electronic content through a user appliance.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the step of receiving over-the-air broadcasting comprises over-the-air broadcasting from a base station.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the step of receiving over-the-air broadcasting comprises forming a local area network with the user appliance.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing electronic content comprising the steps of:

broadcasting a television signal as [[a]] electronic content;

receiving the electronic content;

digitally compressing the electronic content into a compressed signal;

and

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over-the-air rebroadcasting the compressed signal using a wireless local area network.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising the steps of receiving the compressed signaling signal at a user appliance.

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 16 wherein the step of receiving comprises the steps of digitally decompressing the digital video stream, and displaying the video stream.

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~base station~~ set-top box comprising:

a receiving antenna for receiving electronic content;

compression software for compressing the electronic content into a compressed signal;

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a transmitting area network antenna; and

a wireless local area network interface coupled to the transmitting area network antenna and wirelessly broadcasting the compressed signal through the transmitting area network antenna as a compressed wireless rebroadcast signal.